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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 16, 1904.

COMPLIMENTS

Commissioner Armstrong, in accordance with his threat of last Thursday, "paid his compliments" to the majority of the Levy Court, which had paid the contractor for the repairs to the Voshell mill dam. In the course of his remarks, he stated that the work was not done according to the specifications, and accused Commissioner Willits of being related to the contractor. If this is a sin or crime, Mr. Willits is guilty, but it is not his fault, as he had no part in the selection of his relatives. But, if Mr. Armstrong intended to insinuate that Mr. Willits was influenced by such relationship, we believe that the people of his neighborhood know Mr. Willits well enough to repel the insinuation. His whole course as a public officer and as a citizen are known, and his friends have no fear of his being swayed in public affairs by personal ties. Of the same type is Mr. Armstrong's statement that the six gentlemen who united in a letter to the Levy Court requesting that the Court pay Mr. Lockwood for the work done were relations of Mr. Lockwood. The names signed to this letter were Charles P. Cochran, Richard R. Cochran, Samuel F. Jones, Julian Cochran, Harry K. Armstrong, and Daniel M. Cochran. With the exception of the last named none of these are related to Mr. Lockwood. All are Democrats except one and he is a colored Republican, a large taxpayer and highly esteemed in this vicinity. The same can be said of the white men whose names appear and who are among the best known people of West St. Georges Hundred.

As to the charge that Mr. Lockwood had not lived up to the specifications, we have seen the contract and quote therefrom:

"The said S. M. Lockwood, for himself, his executors and administrators, does covenant and agree to and with the said Levy Court Commissioners and their successors at his own expense to make certain improvements to and about the mill dam road at or near Voshell's mill in St. Georges Hundred, by filling in, repairing and building up the dam-breast in accordance with the annexed proposal or specifications." Then follows item as to completing the work in 45 days. There is also a condition that the money (\$450 is to be paid "when and so candidly as the said material, work and repairs to the said dam-breast and mill dam road shall have been furnished and the road inspected and the work accepted by the said Levy Court Commissioners." Attached to the contract is a clipping from the newspaper advertisement signed "J. G. Armstrong, Levy Court Commissioner," asking for sealed proposals "for the filling in with earth the breaches in William H. Voshell's mill dam in St. Georges Hundred in accordance with a bill passed at the last session of the Legislature in relation to the same. Breach No. 1 is about forty (40) feet long, nineteen (19) feet deep, entire width of causeway, to be filled two (2) feet above level of old dam, and to be twelve (12) feet wide on top when completed. No. 2 is a wash on side of dam about forty-two (42) feet long, four (4) feet wide and about twelve (12) feet deep. No. 3 about twenty-eight (28) feet long, eight (8) feet wide and twelve (12) feet deep, each to be filled in same as No. 1." The "bill" passed at the last session of the Legislature above referred to, contains nothing in the nature of specifications to be added to those contained in the advertisement. Therefore, all that Mr. Lockwood was required to do, was to fill in the breach and the two washes in the dam with earth carrying the new work two feet above the level of the old dam and to a width of twelve feet to the top. He did this and the Levy Court as a body visited, inspected and approved the work. There is no word about the dam holding water, because it is a well known fact that new earth works, unless packed by rolling or other mechanical means will not hold water, but time and the elements combine to make a solid wall. The reason for giving two feet above the old dam was to allow for the settling required to make it solid. The four feet additional width which the owner is required to build under the

law will add to the security. When this is done, and the road bed leveled and dressed up it will become a safe and commodious roadway. That the contractor has complied with the specifications prepared by Mr. Armstrong is proven by the Levy Court action, but further proof is offered by many citizens who have seen the work. We have driven over the dam and found it to be even twelve feet wide and the new work at least two feet above the old. In fact we found part of it nearly three feet higher.

We have gone into this question at considerable length because we believe that the people should get what they pay for, and that the owners of dams for whom the public pays, in case of a break, at least 90 per cent. of the cost of repairs, should not be permitted to escape their 10 per cent. There has been an effort in certain quarters to make political capital out of this contract, at least one Democratic organ having attacked Mr. Willits in a personal and political manner for his share in the matter. But we see no politics in it. The law under which the contract was awarded was enacted by votes of both parties and slipped through in the hurry of the closing of the General Assembly and signed by the Governor in response to a petition signed by Democrats and Republicans and a request signed by the two Democratic and three of the Republican members of the Levy Court. The contract was awarded to Mr. Lockwood on Mr. Armstrong's own proposal, and by a committee consisting of Messrs. Hopkins, Armstrong and Willits. However if our friends, the Democrats, desire to make a political issue of it, we will be glad to meet them, and in that event will have more to say about mill dams.

A SURPRISE

The Democratic National Committee met in Washington on Tuesday of this week and selected St. Louis as the place for holding the National Convention in July. This in itself was a surprise as it had been generally believed that Chicago would be chosen, but the reasons given for dropping Chicago furnished a greater one. The managers of the party discovered when the National Committee with its attendant crowd had gathered, that Mr. William R. Hearst had nearly secured control of the organization. Mr. Hearst had been considered as a young man (he is about forty years old) with a

fad for owning and managing "yellow" newspapers. But suddenly, the Democracy awoke to the fact that there was a method in his hobby. His journals in New York, Chicago and other cities had "boomed" him as a candidate for Presidency and his wealth and know willingness to spend it made him available with a large class. He is reported to have offered to pay the traveling expenses of all Hearst delegates to the Convention with a reasonable allowance for pleasure, and in the event of his nomination to provide a campaign fund of two million dollars. In the emergency all hands turned in to keep the Convention away from the sphere of influence of the Hearst Organs, and St. Louis was chosen. The futility of this move was shown in the immediate dispatch of a Hearst Manager to buy or start a newspaper in St. Louis. And yet our Democratic friends hold up their hands in holy horror whenever the name of "Addicks" is heard.

CECILTON

T. P. Jones is visiting his family in town.

Harry Kennedy, of Dover, was the guest of friends in town one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Watts were the guests of relatives in Chesapeake City this week.

While revival services are in progress in the M. E. Church, the stores will be closed at 7 P. M.

Misses Cora and Elizabeth Anderson spent from Friday until Monday with their parents here.

Miss Minnie Buckworth, of the Manor, was entertained by Miss Beulah Fillingim one day this week.

Elwood Padley has returned from Camden, N. J., where he was entertained by his cousin, Charles Phillips.

Miss Desie Boudien has been spending the past week with her grandfather, Mr. Hyland Price, in town.

Mr. Clara, wife of Charles Jarvis, died on Wednesday after a lingering illness. Interment was made in the Georgetown Cemetery.

Urie, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Freeman died on Tuesday morning of membranous croup aged 3 years. Interment was made in Bethel Cemetery on Wednesday.

The three houses belonging to C. H. Meesick were sold at public sale on Tuesday in Elkton. James A. Watts bought two houses for \$470 each, and the other sold to the Mutual Building Association for \$1450.

TOWNSEND

Mr. Martin Lee visited Dover Saturday.

Miss Ella Maloney spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Mr. D. B. Maloney spent Monday in Wilmington.

Mr. Stevens, of Washington, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Ethel Dyte, of Clayton, spent Monday in town.

Mrs. W. A. Rhodes, of Odessa, was in town, Tuesday.

Miss Catherine Ratledge spent Saturday in Middletown.

Dr. F. A. Enos was a Wilmington visitor on Wednesday.

Miss Lillie Buckson, of Wilmington, was in town Monday.

Miss Cunningham, of Wilmington, was in town Monday.

Mr. Gilbert Taylor, of Wilmington, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Charles Larrimore, of Bristol, Pa., spent Sunday here.

Mrs. D. P. Hutchinson was a Wilmington visitor on Thursday.

Miss Mattie Evans, of Odessa, visited Mrs. W. A. Scott Tuesday.

Mr. James VanDyke, of Wilmington, is visiting relatives in town.

Irving, youngest son of J. Austin Hart, is very sick with pneumonia.

Miss Jennie Skinner, of Clayton, spent Sunday with Miss May Wells.

Mr. James Davis, of Sassafras, spent Sunday with Mr. Tinley Scott.

Miss Helen Weldon, of Smyrna, has been visiting relatives in town.

Miss Mary Othosen, of near New Castle, is visiting relatives in town.

Miss Florence Ethrington, of near Cecilton, is visiting friends in town.

Miss James Lee who has been seriously ill for several weeks is improving.

Mrs. George Watts and daughter, Miss Viola, visited Wilmington last week.

Mr. Aaron Reynolds, Jr., of Smyrna, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. Benjamin Lockerman has purchased the Rose property on South street.

Master Dallas Hart is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. William Naylor, near Odessa.

Mr. Wilmer Fennimore is visiting his brother, Mr. Richard Fennimore, near Wilmington.

Miss Myrtle Bramble, of Clayton, was the guest of Mrs. Daniel Richardson a few days this week.

The teachers of the Townsend public schools attended the local institute in Middletown Saturday.

Master Reynolds Hodgson has returned after a week's visit with his cousin, Reynolds Wilson, in Smyrna.

Mr. Elmer Pritchard who was called home by the illness of his mother returned to Philadelphia Tuesday.

Miss Elizabeth Hubbard, of Selbyville, while on her way to Kee Mar College, Hagerstown, Md., where she is a student, stopped over Sunday with friends in town.

The converts of the recent revival have been organized into a class which meets Tuesday evenings at 7.30 o'clock. The pastor Rev. J. H. Beuchamp, has charge of class and is instructing the members in the doctrine and discipline of the church.

ST. GEORGES

Joseph Pritchett has returned from Townsend.

Theodore Jones is in Wilmington this week attending court.

Mrs. Laura Jones has returned from a visit to Wilmington relatives.

C. M. Riley is paying a visit to Clarence Pool and family, near McDonough.

F. Hildebrand who has been very sick is resting comfortably at this writing.

Miss Ida Cleaver, of Middletown, has been visiting A. J. Davidson and family.

Misses Amanda Moore and Violet Gray spent Sunday with Miss Anna Gray near town.

Miss Carrie Bender, of Port Penn, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Charles Bender.

George Cann, of Delaware City, spent part of last week with his mother, Mrs. Sarah Cann.

W. K. Price and wife visited William Morrow and family, near Delaware City, on Saturday.

Miss Emily Janvier, of McDonough, spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Clarence Jamison.

Mrs. George Swain and son Herman spent part of last week with relatives near Newport.

Miss Harriett Carrow spent Sunday with her cousin, Miss Hattie Batten, near Delaware City.

Rev. J. R. Milligan attended the banquet of the Board of Trade in Wilmington Friday evening.

Mrs. Alida Jones, Miss Anna Stewart and Miss Linda Clark who have been quite sick are recovering.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning.

Messrs. H. C. Clark and J. B. McMullen attended the funeral of Miss Stewart in Wilmington on Thursday.

The mortal remains of John Johnson of Crompton, Md., were buried in St. Georges Cemetery on Monday.

Mrs. Edward Reynolds and daughter, of Middletown, were guests of Dr. J. W. DeWitt and wife on Thursday.

James Cleaver, wife and son, of Mt. Pleasant, were entertained by his aunt, Miss Rachel Cleaver, on Friday.

Those having ice houses have them filled with the finest ice they have had for years, it being eleven inches thick.

Postmaster D. B. Stewart has been critically ill for the past week and we are sorry to say up to this time he is a very sick man.

A. J. Davidson shot a bald eagle one day last week which was seven feet from tip to tip, three feet from head to tip of tail and weighed 9½ pounds.

We are glad to be able to note that Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Clark have recovered from their late illness, sufficiently to be able to attend church on Sunday.

Cards of invitation have been received to the wedding of Miss Carrie-Jess J. B. Richards and Mr. John R. Crossland, Jr., in Middletown M. E. Church, on Thursday evening, January 21st, at 8.30 o'clock.

GROWTH OF INSURANCE REVENUES

When Dr. G. W. Marshall assumed control of the office of Insurance Commissioner for Delaware, the revenues from that office to the State were only \$17,000 per year; but under his management there has been an increase each year that is very flattering to his administration and profitable to the State of Delaware. In 1901 the revenues collected were \$23,143.89. In 1902, \$25,208.02. In 1903 he has paid over to the State Treasurer the sum of \$28,538.88. This shows good administration, and makes a record of which he may well be proud.

Announcement

TO THE FRIENDS AND PATRONS OF THE DEVALINGER STORE:

ON account of the credit system used by the wholesale dealers of to-day I find it necessary to adopt a similar one for the governing of my credit trade. Therefore, on and after Saturday, January 16th, any person having an account with me will be required to make a settlement in full every thirty days. This term of credit is for the benefit of those persons who are employed by the month. Persons employed by the day or week will please make a complete payment once in every seven days. I feel positive that this system will prove most satisfactory to my customers and to myself. Of this I am certain, that it will enable me to sell the finest goods on the market at lower prices than were possible before. While we are speaking of prices we might as well mention a few.

Best washing soda, 3lb for 5c.

Pure leaf lard, 10c lb.

Best corn starch, 5c per pkg.

Our own make of mince-meat, 10c lb.

Our own brand guaranteed flour, 25c bag.

Three lb. can tomatoes for 10c.

We have on hand a fine stock of fresh fish, which we will continually renew until the arrival of warm weather.

Are you tired of eating beef and pork? Then try some Cod or Halibut steaks fried in cracker dust. Great!

Respectfully,
H. C. DEVALINGER,
Middletown, Del.

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NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SS.

THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY,

GREETING:—

Whereas, Emma E. Day by her petition to the Judges of our Superior Court filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the petitioner and William Herbert Day.

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon William Herbert Day that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the First day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Emma E. Day according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Twenty-third day of November, A. D., 1903.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,
Issued Dec. 23rd, 1903. Prothonotary.

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THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
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Whereas, James C. Smith by his petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Mary Emma Smith.

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Mary Emma Smith that she be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the First day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, James C. Smith according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning her in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

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We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Elsworth E. Moon that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the First day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Daisy L. Moon according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

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Train Leave Middletown as follows:
North Bound—3.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 10.30 a. m.;
South Bound—1.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30 and 9.30 p. m.

Mails Close as follows:
Going North—2.30 a. m., 10.05 a. m., 3.50 p. m.,
5.45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—3.10 a. m., 4.35 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Odessa—9.20 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 5.40 p. m.,
For Warwick, Cecilton, Barville and Sassafras—9.40 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 16, 1904.

Local News.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. Ingram's.

FOR SALE.—One Soda Fountain complete, in good order. Address, Lock Box, No. 321.

FOR RENT.—Several desirable dwellings, one on Cass street, and others on Main street. G. E. HUKILL.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons from 3.30 to 5, and Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30.

The ladies of the Y. W. C. T. U. will give a social in the Y. reading rooms Monday evening, January 18th. All members are cordially invited to be present.

FOR RENT.—The dwelling now occupied by John Dawson, corner Broad and Lake streets. Possession given March 25th, 1904. Apply to MARIE T. LOCKWOOD, Warwick, Md.

Mr. Eida G. Cox of Willow Grove, and Miss Ella Fortner, of this town, were married in the M. E. Parsonage in Camden, by the Rev. L. W. Layfield on Tuesday evening, December 15th, 1903.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending January 7th: Mrs. Martha Dale, Miss Mabel Stevens, R. W. Blackway, Harry Benson, Elmer Linebald, James Parker.

WANTED.—A tenant to carry on a farm devoted to dairying, grain and hay. This farm is now fully stocked and equipped. It will be rented upon the system of thirds. Address by letter only. A. T. NEALE, Newark, Del.

The heater at the Opera House is being put in order and we are assured that the hall will be made comfortable for the Star Course Entertainment next Tuesday evening. The electric car will make a late trip for the convenience of Odessa friends who wish to attend.

Our line of stoves this season surpass all of our former efforts since we entered the stove business, and the prices are right. If you are going to need anything in the stove line we can interest you. All kinds and makes.

J. F. McWORTHER & SON.
After the prayer service in Bethesda M. E. Church Thursday evening, Mr. Joseph C. Parker was elected a lay delegate and Mr. Enoch G. Allee alternate, to represent the Church at the electoral conference which meets in Dover next March.

Fruit growers are already beginning to discuss prospects of a peach crop the coming season, and while the season is not far enough advanced to speculate to any great extent they are unanimous in the opinion that the orchards are in a fine condition, largely due to the fact that there was not a crop last summer.

A hen hawk measuring 37 inches from tip to tip was killed in the chicken house of Mrs. Barbara Beth, near Blackbird on Sunday last. The bird in its mad flight after one of Mrs. Beth's fowls followed the chicken in the hen house, and a young man who was standing near by closed the door. When he entered the coop the hawk was devouring his prey and was killed with a club.

A slight chimney fire at the residence of Mrs. H. V. Parvis last Monday evening caused the Volunteer Hose Company out, but the flames were soon checked without the use of water. A large crowd assembled in front of the dwelling, notwithstanding the heavy snow storm which was raging at the time, and only dispersed when they were informed of the fact that there was no danger, as the flames had been confined to the chimney.

Washington Camp, No. 9, P. O. S. of A. has installed the following officers for the ensuing term: P. H. H. Hilyard; P. L. V. Kirk; V. P., Talbot Williams; W. F. W. T. Pierce, Sr.; C. J. R. Brown; R. S. J. E. Denney; F. S. J. H. Burrows; Inspector, J. W. Solway; Guard, James Cochran; Treasurer, J. L. Byron; Trustees, W. T. Pierce, Sr., Thomas H. Smith and J. W. Burrows. Refreshments were served after the installation and greatly enjoyed by the members.

Owing to the recent cold spell and snow, local gunners have been exercised over the condition of game through the State as it was feared that quail especially might suffer. Advice from different sections, however, are to the effect that while there is still considerable snow on the ground the birds do not appear to be suffering to any great extent. But few dead birds have been found, and the farmers as their usual custom are feeding the quail. Rabbits usually suffer but little as with the advent of extreme cold weather they seek the woodlands.

Past Grand Master Workman George M. Stevenson, of Smyrna, on Tuesday evening paid Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W. a visit and installed the following officers: P. M. W., Dr. C. A. Ritchie; M. W. Harry W. Richards; Foreman, W. F. Shallice; Recorder, J. Fletcher Deakney; Overseer, G. D. Kelley, Jr.; Receiver, A. G. Cox; Financier, G. D. Kelley; I. W., J. H. Emerson; O. W., Paul Weber; Guide, O. M. Matthews; Medical Examiner, Dr. C. A. Ritchie; Trustees, J. H. Emerson and O. M. Matthews. After the installation the members present enjoyed a banquet at the restaurant of W. B. Kates.

Chief Engineer Horton, of the Baltimore Fire Department, reported last week that the burning of zinc, soda or sulphur in a stove or furnace would extinguish a chimney fire and also clean the chimney. He has been making a series of tests for sometime in this direction and has found this simple solution of the chimney fire evil to be very effective and successful. According to the Chief, it is the fumes that extinguish the flame and cause the soot to fall. He said it was not a new discovery, especially with sulphur but that it was a means by which any householder could prevent an chimney fire.

Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

The young ladies of Middletown and Odessa gave a "Leap Year Dance" in the Middletown Opera House last evening which was largely attended by prominent people from all parts of the Peninsula. Elliott's Orchestra of Wilmington, furnished excellent music, which was a pleasing feature of the evening's program. The patrons were: Messrs. F. B. Watkins, George Janvier, Dr. H. B. McDowell, W. B. Biggs, F. R. Pool and Mr. Griffith. Committee of Arrangements—Misses Louise McDowell, Helen Brady, Grace Parvis and Helen Cochran. Floor Committee—Misses Julia Lockwood, Helen Brady, Miss Shallice and Mrs. F. R. Pool.

The next entertainment in the Star Course at the Middletown Opera House under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society of Forest Presbyterian Church, will be given next Tuesday evening, January 19th, by Ellwood, the magician. Commenting on him Jacob K. Lessey, Supt. Central Presbyterian Church Philadelphia, said: "The entertainment given by Ellwood in our Church last evening far exceeded our most sanguine expectations. His marvelous feats, as well as his wonderful ability in caricaturing, are very entertaining, and we feel that the performance was a great success. It certainly was quite novel and amusing, and is excellently adapted for a Church or Lyceum entertainment."

The extreme frigidity of the weather is the cause of much distress among the lower animals, and especially muskrats. The muskrats are frozen to such an extent that the rats are unable to procure food; consequently they make long excursions from the marshes for that purpose which is very unwise on their part in view of the extraordinary prices their furs are bringing for they are eagerly held up and robbed thereof, not without a gallant defense, however, for a muskrat when covered will fight with an incredible fury, leaping at its enemy and making an ugly wound with the rodent teeth. Many are killed by dogs, foxes, etc., and several have been found frozen to death. Old and experienced trappers claim that they never remember seeing the animals wander away in such numbers before. Their tracks lead through the snow from the marshes in every direction.

HIT BY TRAIN

While Mr. Purnal J. Lynch, was driving across the Delaware railroad tracks at Mt. Pleasant crossing Thursday morning, his horse and carriage were struck by the southbound passenger train due at that place at 9.10 o'clock.

The horse was horribly mangled and suffered so seriously that it had to be shot. The carriage was demolished and Mr. Lynch was hurled several yards by the force of the collision. He was picked up by trainmen and passengers and carried into the railroad station.

Dr. George W. Marshall, insurance commissioner, happened to be passing on the train, and made a hurried examination of Mr. Lynch in the limited time at his disposal. Mr. Lynch complained of his hip, but the brief examination failed to disclose that the hip had been fractured.

Dr. G. B. Pearson the family physician, was soon at the side of Mr. Lynch and made a careful examination and while his patient had received several bruises, no bones were broken, and the physician informs us that his patient is doing as well as can be expected at this writing. Mr. Lynch is about 32 years of age, and while he was not seriously injured the shock was very trying, and it will be several days before he will be able to leave his bed.

CHURCH NOTES

Rev. C. T. Wyatt pastor, will preach in Bethesda M. E. Church Sunday, both morning and evening. Morning text: "Blessed is the man whose transgression is forgiven." Evening text: "And they came to Elim where twelve wells of water and three score and ten palm trees."

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "My Place in the War against Intemperance." Isa. 24:11; Hab. 2:15; 1 Thess. 5:8. Leader, Charles Lochner.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "How May I Overcome My Temptation?" 1 Cor. 10:12-13; Heb. 4:14-16. Leader, George D. Kelley, Jr.

LITTLE LEGISLATURE MEETS

The Legislative committee appointed at the session of the last Legislature to audit the accounts of the State officers met at Dover on Tuesday of this week and effected an organization. Those composing the committee are Senators McNulty and Brause, and Representatives Rose, Austin and Frazier. The body elected as officers for the session, C. H. Simmons, of Farmington, clerk, and Howard Hudson, of Frederica, as sergeant-at-arms. The session will be held at the office of the Secretary of State.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

Owing to the numerous requests of my friends I have decided to be a candidate for County Commissioner from St. Georges Hundred, and take this opportunity to inform my friends and the public, that I will greatly appreciate any favors shown me by them. I will use all honorable means to secure the nomination, and if successful promise the tax-payers of this district to do everything in my power in their behalf. Thanking you all for past favors, I remain,

Very truly yours,
THOMAS E. HERN.

Middletown, Del., Jan. 12th, 1904.

A Card of Thanks

Mr. Editor.—I wish to extend through the columns of your valuable paper, my sincere thanks to the Volunteer Hose Company and every one who in any way assisted in extinguishing the small blaze which occurred at my home on Monday evening last.

Mrs. H. V. PARVIS,
Middletown, Del., Jan. 14th, 1904.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. Frank Suydam was in Elkton Sunday.

Miss Martha Heaton is visiting in Baltimore.

Mrs. C. R. Farris, of Smyrna, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. Everett Holt, of Annapolis, Md., is visiting his parents.

Miss Anna Gallagher has accepted a position in Philadelphia.

Mrs. C. T. Wyatt is spending several days with her mother in Laurel.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Monro spent Sunday with relatives near Blackbird.

Mr. Frank Robinson, of Wilmington, was an over Sunday visitor in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spicer were entertained Sunday by relatives in Dover.

Miss May Bucher was the guest of friends and relatives in Elkton on Sunday.

Mr. Julian Cochran has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Carl Harrington, in Philadelphia.

Miss Jennie Jones has accepted a position in Philadelphia, and left for that city on Monday.

Miss Mattie Roberts, of Wilmington, was the guest of relatives and friends in town over Sunday.

Dr. J. C. Stites and mother Mrs. T. H. Gilpin left on Monday for Ashville, N. C. They will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stites.

Mrs. Rachel Conner has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Edith May to Mr. William I. Berry. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride, South Cochran, St., on Wednesday evening January 27th at 7.30 o'clock.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Grace Sevenson, of Philadelphia, daughter of Mr. John M. Sevenson, of Still Pond, Md., to Mr. J. Fletcher Conner, son of Mrs. Rachel Conner of this town. The ceremony was performed on January 14, in Philadelphia.

MIDDLETOWN SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

The Middletown Shooting Association held the second shoot for the Parker gun on Thursday afternoon, and ten members were present. The day was cold and windy and made the shooting difficult, as the targets proved to be very foxy. The first event of the scores given below was for practice. The second event was for a fine white rooster presented to the Association, and Barnard took the fowl with 9 breaks out of 10 shots.

The third event was the gun contest in which Burris, Pool and Barnard tied for high score at 18.

The fourth event was for the club's silver medal, which Stephens finally won in the shoot off.

So far each man has shot at 50 targets for the Parker gun and their totals are as follows:

F. Pool.....30 G. Massey.....35 Barnard.....37
Duryea.....37 E. Massey.....25 Burris.....33
Stephens.....30 Kates.....31
S. Massey.....36 Steel.....34

As these contests are shot from a handicap distance, and the weather at this season is cold and windy, the scores in a whole are good, and the race promises to be very close and exciting, and until the last shoot for this gun is shot, the result is doubtful.

Event No. 1 2 3 4

Targets 10 10 25 15 Shot Broke Per

Barnard.....7 9 18 13 60 47 .783
Pool.....5 7 18 12 60 42 .700
G. Massey.....7 7 15 13 60 42 .700

Burris.....6 7 18 7 60 38 .633
S. E. Massey.....5 14 10 60 38 .633
Durea.....8 7 13 18 60 36 .600

Stephens.....6 15 9 50 30 .600
Steel.....6 5 14 10 60 35 .583
Kates.....4 12 35 16 .457
E. Massey.....6 2 12 5 60 25 .417

BOHEMIA MANOR

For the past ten days sleighing has been better than it has been for years.

Miss Mamie Spear spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Amos Wilson, in Warwick.

Mr. and Mrs. James Vineyard, of near Cecilton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Boulden.

Quite a number of changes are to take place on the Manor in the Spring by windings, sales and movings.

Misses Susie Schofield and Myrtle Templeman spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents near Cecilton.

Mrs. A. L. Spear gave a dinner to a number of her friends on Thursday last in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thornton, (nee Miss Nellie Ege) who were married on Wednesday last.

WILL DISCUSS GRAY BOOK

To show the country at large that the Democrats of Delaware take very seriously the presidential boom started for Judge George Gray, a meeting of prominent Democrats will be held on Monday evening. Plans will be considered as to how to place the judge in the most favorable light regarding the nomination. His friends firmly believe that if the eminent qualifications of Judge Gray are once impressed upon the voters at large he will have a very strong and definite following throughout the country. His friends are in no way discouraged by reports from Washington that some of the national Committee men regard his nomination as impractical.

Sales to Take Place

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1904.—Public Sale of Stock, Farm Implements, &c., by Thomas Lattomus, on the farm known as the Collier Farm, near Baxter's Corner, 4 1/2 miles South of Townsend.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23d, 1903.—Public Sale of Stock, farm implements, &c., by Edward Hart, on the "Parvise Farm," one mile northeast of Mount Pleasant. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1904.—Public Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, &c., personal property late of George W. Lockwood, deceased.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3d, 1904.—Public Sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by Isaac Green, Jr., on the "Burgess Farm," on the road from Fennimore's Bridge to Norney's Corner. Joseph M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

FLORIDA

The first Jacksonville tour of the season via the Pennsylvania Railroad, leaving two weeks in Florida, leaves New York, Philadelphia, and Washington by special train February 2. Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth), and meals en route in both directions while travelling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, \$50.00; Buffalo, \$54.25; Rochester, \$54; Elmira, \$51.45; Erie, \$54.85; Williamsport, \$50.00; Wilkesbarre, \$50.35; and at proportionate rates from other points. For tickets, itineraries, and full information apply to ticket agents, or address Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

Personally-Conducted Tours to Washington D. C. and Baltimore and Ohio Railroad

A series of three-day personally-conducted tours to Washington, D. C., will be run on the following dates: January 21, February 4, and 18, March 3, and 23, April 7, and 21 and May 5. \$9 for the round-trip including hotel and other expenses. Train leaves Center at 3.24 P. M., Wilmington 3.40 P. M.

As these four parties are limited to the available hotel accommodations and as reservations are made when tickets are purchased. Those intending to become members should register at once. For booklet and full information call on ticket agents or write to H. A. Miller, T. P. A., Water and Market streets, Wilmington, Del.

Samuels Acquitted

Curtis Lee Samuels, charged with the murder of Pasquale Diaballe, an Italian, at Delaware City, on November 3d, was acquitted by the jury in the Oyer and Terminer Court Tuesday morning at the opening of court. The case was finished last evening, and the jury was charged about 5 o'clock. Four ballots were taken before the jury reached a verdict.

Winter Excursion Rates via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad

Excursion tickets are now on sale to Winter resorts in the South: also to points in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico. For tickets and full information apply to ticket agents or H. A. Miller, T. P. A. City office Water and Market Sts., Wilmington, Del., D. & A. Phone 1708 A.

SASSAFRAS

Miss Jennie Boyles is visiting in Philadelphia.

Miss Grace Sylvester left for St. Marys College on Monday.

Miss Alice Dreka entertained Miss Mary Waiters, of Philadelphia, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith entertained Rev. W. A. Litsinger on Sunday.

Senator Isaac Gibbs and Mr. Jacob T. Shallice left on Monday for Annapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Robinson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shepherd, on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tarbutton and little son Russell visited relatives in lower Kent on Sunday last.

Mrs. Phoenias Jones who has been quite sick is very much improved we feel pleased to state.

Mr. Edgar Jones, of Chester, Pa., who has been visiting his father, left for his home on Monday.

Mrs. John E. Ernest and sons John F., and Douglas visited her mother, Mrs. I. Gunkel, of Warwick.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clothier returned on Saturday from Wilmington after an absence of some weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester and children returned home on Sunday after an absence of some weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Allen, of near Cecilton, visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Spry, on Sunday.

Mr. Clarence Cochran, of Middletown, was entertained by Mr. Custus C. Price at his home near town on Saturday.

Messrs. Thomas Massey, Frederick Gressart, Samuel Price and Leonard Gillispie visited Middletown on Tuesday.

Misses Sallie Woodall, of Baltimore, and Fannie Woodall, of Georgetown, visited their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith, on Thursday.

Mr. John Tarbutton visited the Sassafras Council on Tuesday evening and surprised his brothers with a royal treat of ice cream, cake and apples.

Every one is pleased to learn of the great improvement of Mr. William H. Spry, who has been ill for some weeks, and great hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Messrs John F. Ernest, Jr., and Masten Shallice were entertained for dinner on Saturday by Mr. T. Othson and Miss Mollie Othson, in honor of their niece, Miss Alice Waters and guest Miss Mary Tarbutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Boyles have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Jennie Elizabeth, to Mr. Custus C. Price, to take place on the 20th. Mr. Price is one of our most prosperous farmers. They will reside on his farm near Sassafras.

PRESBYTERY WILL MEET IN DOVER

New Castle Presbytery will hold an important meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Dover, Delaware, on Tuesday next. The session is for the purpose of hearing preliminary charges preferred against the Rev. Robert A. Ellwood who preached the sermon, "Should the Murderer of Miss Bishop be Lynched," in Olivet Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, June 21st, 1903. Much interest is being manifested in regard to this meeting as it solely depends on the charges whether Mr. Ellwood should be tried for having preached the famous sermon.

The session will be called promptly at eleven o'clock and it is expected there will be present forty-five ministers and fifty-five elders making a total of one hundred ministers and elders of the Presbytery. The meeting will be open to all and from present indications many people from Wilmington who are interested in the case will attend. In the absence of the Rev. N. F. Stahl, formerly of Delaware City the moderator of the New Castle Presbytery who has received and accepted a call to the Presbytery of Western Pennsylvania, the Rev. Joseph B. North of Snowhill, Maryland, will be in the chair as moderator. No change in the stated clerk has been made therefore the Rev. J. R. Milligan will act in that capacity.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT clear of taxes and payable on and after Saturday, January 17th, 1904. J. O. S. CROUCH, Cashier.

NOTICE--DIVIDEND

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE, JANUARY 5th, 1904.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT clear of taxes and payable on and after the 13th inst. J. O. S. CROUCH, Cashier.

NOTICE--DIVIDEND

PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK, MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE, DECEMBER 26th, 1903.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT clear of taxes and payable on and after Saturday, January 17th, 1904. G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

WARWICK

Sabbath School to-morrow at 9.30 o'clock.

Mrs. William J. B. Lofland is on the sick list.

Mrs. T. P. Devine is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Manlove, were visitors in Wilmington on Wednesday last.

Miss Bessie R. Merritt, of Galts, is sojourning at the home of Miss Dalrymple.

They say we are to have another wedding in February. Hurry up, girls, this is your year.

Junior Christian Endeavor Society will hold their prayer meeting every Sunday evening at 6.30 o'clock.

Mr. Biddle Hoseneger, of Chestertown, was entertained at the home of Mr. E. E. Marsh last Tuesday.

Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A. meets every Monday evening at 7 o'clock until further notice.

Washington Camp No. 8, P. O. S. of A. will hold a festival during the month of February. See posters later.

Mr. John Lofland, of Wilmington, Del., was the guest of his parents on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Messrs. William L. Vinyard and William J. Lofland were the guests of Mrs. Charles R. Monlove, near Middletown, last Sunday.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference, of Warwick M. P. Church will convene in Sassafras M. P. Church Saturday morning, February 13th, 1904.

Mr. Edward G. Lynch has accepted a position on the P. W. and B. R. R. as freeman. He made his first run on Monday down the Delaware road.

An evening company was held at the home of Miss Helen M. Eaton last Saturday evening, quite a number of her young friends being present.

The regular, monthly social and business meeting of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society was held at the M. P. Parsonage last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Boyles have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Jennie Elizabeth, to Mr. Custus C. Price on Wednesday evening, Jan-

uary 20th 1904, at eight o'clock, at their home near town.

Mrs. Urie P. Ginn entertained Miss Clara Blackburn and Miss Silateaux, of Farnhurst, Miss Bessie W. Gunkle, Miss Perla Litsinger, Miss Bessie Bishop, Mr. R. B. Merritt, Jr., and Mr. T. Bayard Vinyard, of this town at "Shady Oaks" last Sunday.

Quite a large crowd who were very close friends of the Rev. Father Charles P. McGoldrick gathered at St. Francis Xavier Church last Sunday to hear the farewell sermon of this eminent Priest, but the service consisted only of the usual Mass, as Father McGoldrick does not believe in farewell sermons. He took his departure for Easton, Md., Wednesday where he was stationed some years prior to his coming to Warwick. Charles A. Crowley, of Glens Falls, N. Y., has arrived and will take Father McGoldrick's place. Father McGoldrick leaves a host of friends both Catholic and Protestant.

Mr. R. Delbert Aiken, of Delaware City, was the guest of Mrs. Amos Wilson last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Prof. Guy Johnson was the guest of John Piser last Sunday.

Mr. George Ginn was a caller in town Wednesday.

Messrs. John H. M. Garner and W. N. Aiken were the guests of Louis Spear last Tuesday.

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the firm trading as BARKIS & FOGEL has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All liabilities will be paid by B. Barkis and all accounts owed the firm will be collected by A. Fogel.

A. FOGEL, L. BARKIS.
Middletown